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Mr. Howard Pace is the Deputy Joint Program Executive Officer for Joint Tactical Radio System (DJPEO JTRS) and is a member of the Senior Executive Service. He is responsible for overseeing the JTRS program, which was initiated in early 1997 in response to the Services' pursuit of separate solutions to develop a programmable, modular, multi-mode, multi-band radio to replace existing legacy radios in the Department of Defense (DoD) inventory. The JTRS program has since evolved from a radio replacement program to a mobile, ad hoc networking program to provide voice and data to warfighters via a variety of military and civilian radio systems. Additionally, JTRS includes Wideband Networking Software to implement full-featured mobile ad hoc networks.

Mr. Pace was named the DJPEO in December 2006. He currently serves on the Department of Defense Board of Directors, as the JTRS Representative at the GIG Senior Systems Engineering Board. Mr. Pace's naval career began with his enlistment in the United States Navy in 1978, he served on two Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines, a Submarine Tender, and a Torpedo Retriever. He obtained the rank of Chief Petty Officer and served as the Lead Instructor at Strategic Weapons System Team Trainer in Bangor, WA.

Mr. Pace was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program, and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington. After he was commissioned, he graduated with distinction and received the Arleigh Burke Award for Leadership and Academic Excellence from the Surface Warfare Officer's Course. He also attended the FFG-7 Weapons and AEGIS Combat Systems Officer courses, in which he graduated from both with distinction.

Serving on USS ELROD (FFG-55), USS SAN JACINTO (CG-56) and USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73), Mr. Pace participated in operations DESERT STORM, SOUTHERN WATCH, DENY FLIGHT, JOINT ENDEAVOR, and SUPPORT DEMOCRACY. Mr. Pace completed a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering at the Naval Postgraduate School and attended the Engineering Duty Officer Basic School where he received the Founder's award.

Mr. Pace served at the Space and Naval Warfare System Center San Diego (SSC-SD), where he was the Joint Tactical Radio System Wideband Network Waveform Chief Engineer, and the Office of Naval Research Principal Investigator for wireless networking communications research. Mr. Pace completed his active duty career in the U.S. Navy in 2002 at the Space and Naval Warfare System Command as the Communication Systems, Directorate Chief Engineer. After retiring from the Navy, Mr. Pace returned to the government as a civil servant, in the role of the PEO C4I and Space Technical Director. Mr. Pace was the PEO C4I and Space Technical Director from December 2002 – March 2005, providing system engineering oversight and networking/communication expertise to the Navy/Joint Telecommunications and Networking communities.